

CLECS and alternative ISPs offer services that the Bells refuse to offer, or charge drastic amounts more for. Instead of pricing DSL at it's value, the Bells price it based on the price of a leased line (T-1) class service. They aren't competing, they're maximizing profit and want higher barriers of entry. Please don't give them these barriers. Please don't make the service that I currently have unaffordable.

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.